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In re application of: Hisato HIRASAKA
Serial No.: 09/992,606
Filed: November 14, 2001
For: SIGNAL-PROCESSING CIRCUIT, AND RECORDING AND PLAYBACK
APPARATUS EMPLOYING THE SAME
Group A.U.: 2631
Date: February 28, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

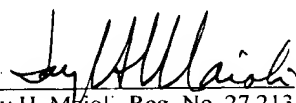
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- ☐ This Response is being filed within the ___ first month, ___ second month, ___ third month, ___ fourth month, ___ fifth month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. Applicants Petition for an extension, and the fee of ___ \$110 (\$55), ___ \$400 (\$200), ___ \$920 (\$460), ___ \$1,440 (\$720), ___ \$1,960 (\$980) is due and paid herewith.
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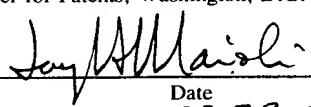
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:
Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified
application, Applicant respectfully requests that the
application be amended as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure by rewriting
same to read as follows:

--A signal-processing circuit in which two-stage
equalization is performed by using first and second
equalization circuits provided on upstream and downstream